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R. L. Pugh, 33°

The "Operation: Let's Go!" Reunion is now a matter of beautiful history. The Reunion closed with a total class membership of 140. We consider this an excellent record and are exceedingly proud of the efforts that our Brethren put forth to make the Reunion a success.

The members of the "Operation: Let's Go!" Class have now gone back to their homes and have settled back into their usual routine. We have only one request to make of them and that is that they remember the high moral and spiritual peak that was reached during the three days of the Reunion. If they will only continue in the thrill and enjoyment and inspiration that was experienced during the Reunion we assuredly will not have to worry about candidates for the class next Fall when we once again assemble for another Reunion.

Each member of the class pledged himself to contact at least one prospective member. We have forwarded petitions to each member along with his dues card for the year, and it is our hope that they will proceed immediately to make those contacts.

The November Reunion — and please keep these dates foremost in your mind — will be held November 14, 15 and 16.

Thank you once again for all that you did to make the Reunion such a success. Enjoy yourself this Spring and have a wonderful summer, but don't forget to put your plans for our next Reunion in operation.

R. L. Pugh

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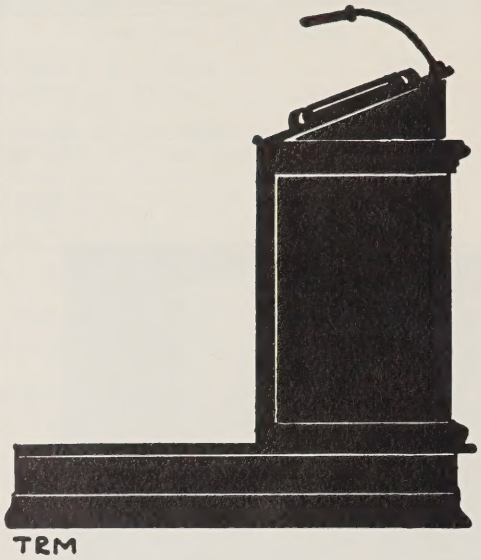

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

Scottish Rite – The Spice Of Your Masonic Life

The degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry are interestingly presented in the forms of allegories. They make deep impressions through the effective combination of the spoken word, dramatic action, scenic atmosphere, lighting effects, colorful costuming and beautiful music. *And when a bit of imagination is happily added as a spice to this mixture, we have a fine medium.* He who listens and observes carefully will take with him from each degree materials that will act as a powerful leaven to his Masonic Degree.

In order to fully appreciate and absorb the lessons of the various degrees, it is necessary for us to ease into the mood of what is transpiring — to give full play to our emotional reflexes. *Our enjoyment of the Scottish Rite degrees depends upon the particular angle from which we view the material. Masonry, like a diamond, is a jewel of many facets.* We, individually, receive from it benefits predicated upon the light with which we approach it. Having indicated our desire for enlightenment when we first were initiated into its mysteries, it is quite natural to expect that quest will accompany us. Not because we have been disappointed or unsatisfied; rather because we are constantly aware that all we have learned so far has merely undergirded what was still waiting to be unfolded.

What we receive is always perfectly superimposed upon what we have already accepted. And every man's experience is unique. *It is probably no exaggeration to say that our Scottish Rite degrees will find unendingly different interpretations as they are absorbed through different minds.* What we get out of our Masonic teachings depends in great measure upon our own personal experiences. These we weave into our life of which the foundation is the basic principles of Freemasonry. *The more sensitive and enriched we have become through previous experiences and reflections, the more delicately and intricately we will weave our designs of the future.*

Fortunate, indeed, are we, if we have trained ourselves to be sensitively attuned and receptive to every laudable experience. Fortunate, indeed, are we if we have developed our minds to function as mirrors in which experiences are captured and reflected, so that we can see them in their strange beauty.

It takes light to illuminate anything . . . It takes light to make things attractive — to make them shine and sparkle . . . We have received light and more light — over and over again. Let us, therefore, pray that the pupils of our mental eyes may always be opened widely. Then, if we have absorbed and practiced what we have learned at the altar of Freemasonry, we may be sure that we have no need to tremble when our souls stand for judgement before the Grand Architect of the Universe.

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Meet Our New Grand Master

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud to present to our members the new Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Berl Maurice Kahn, 33°, of Goldsboro, N. C. Most Worshipful Brother Kahn was installed as Grand Master on Wednesday, April 19th, and proceeded immediately to elaborate upon the program which he wishes to pursue during the ensuing year.

At a meeting during the afternoon preceding the Grand Lodge installation ceremony, the Grand Master met with the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and the District Education Chairmen. He extended his greetings to them and solicited their earnest support of the educational program during the forthcoming year.

Masons in North Carolina can well look forward to the new Masonic year under the direction of a man who is eminently qualified to provide the type of leadership that is so necessary as Masonry in North Carolina prepares to enlarge upon the program of Masonic education that was so well begun during the preceding year.

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Berl Maurice Kahn was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina on March 3, 1913 and lived in New Bern, North Carolina from 1915 through 1938. He received his education in the New Bern Schools and the University of North Carolina. In 1938 he married the former Ruth Isaacs of Goldsboro. They have two children, Berl, Jr. and Donna Ruth. The Kahns belong to the Oheb Sholem Temple in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He is owner and operator of Isaac-Kahn Furniture Company.

His many civic activities include President of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board of Directors - Fireman's Pension Fund and a member of the Rotary Club. He is a past Chairman of Goldsboro Merchant's Division and a Charter member and Past President of the Goldsboro Furniture Dealer's Association.

His Masonic career began on June 7, 1944, when he was initiated into Masonry, passed July 3, 1944 and raised August 2, 1944. He was Master of his Lodge, Wayne Lodge No. 112, A.F. & A.M. in 1949, has been awarded a life membership and served as treasurer of that lodge for thirteen years. He holds honorary memberships in Hiram Lodge No. 98, Clinton, North Carolina, Mill Creek Lodge No. 125, Newton Grove, North Carolina and Harmony Lodge No. 340, Pikeville, North Carolina, Home Lodge No. 613, Fremont, North Carolina and Mount Olive Lodge No. 208, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

During the years 1948 and 1949, he was Worthy Patron of Chapter No. 54, Order of Eastern Star.

Since 1949, he has continuously been a Certified Lecturer, Class "A" of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and is a Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer and a Past District Deputy Grand Master. In 1961, he was awarded the highest award of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the Joseph Montford Medal. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and has served with distinction on many important committees of the Grand Lodge. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 22, 1964, he was appointed as Grand Steward.

In September 1944, he became a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Wilmington, North Carolina and was elected to the honorarium of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour by the Supreme Council in 1959.

He is Past High Priest in Chapter No. 29, Royal Arch Mason and Deputy Master of Goldsboro Council No. 33, Royal and Select Masters of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Since 1944, he has been a member of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; became a members of the Ceremonial Cast in 1944, serving as director from 1955 through 1962; he was elected to Royal Order of Jester in 1951. He is a life member and past president of the Goldsboro Shrine Club and was appointed in 1971 to the position of Outer Gurad of Sudan Temple.

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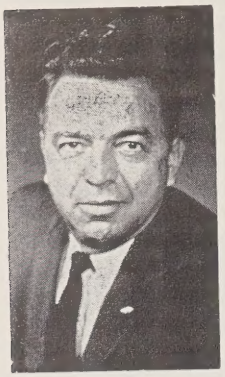
Dear Brethren,

In these days of trial and tribulation, chaos, strife, and a few other kinds I could name (and they do exist —- no matter how we look at them) we might do well to read and remember what someone wrote many years ago. I do not know his name. However, I do agree with his philosophy. Here it is —



THINGS
WORK OUT

Because it rains when we wish it wouldn't, because men do what they often shouldn't, because crops fail and things go wrong, some of us grumble the whole day long. But somehow in spite of the care and doubt, it seems at last that things work out.

Because we lose what we hoped to gain, because we suffer a little pain, because we must work when we'd like to play, some of us whimper along life's way. But, somehow, as day will follow night, most of our troubles work out all right.

Because we cannot forever smile, because we must trudge in the dust awhile, because we think that the way is long, some complain that life's all wrong. But yet we live, and our sky grows bright; and everything works out all right.

So bend to your trouble and meet your care, for the clouds must break, and the sky grows fair. Let the rain come down, as it must and will, but keep on working and hoping still, for in spite of the grumblers who stand about, somehow, it seems, all things work out.

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but it is all still here, and recognized or not, lives and works through endless change.

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Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but it is all still here, and recognized or not, lives and works through endless change.

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If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?

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Perhaps the best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.

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If a man wants to borrow trouble, it's the only thing for which he needs no collateral.

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Four hundred thousand immigrants enter the U. S. a year, happy to share the troubles of which the natives complain.

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Husband to unhappy wife who is standing on scale with a dismayed look: "Dear, it must have been something you ate and ate and ate and ate . . ."

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Kids today have so many luxuries that the best way to punish your child is to send him to YOUR room instead of his.

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In an argument it's hard to beat the man with the lowest temperature.

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The fisherman from the big city was trying to persuade his guide to visit him. The guide, however, said that he feared the big city people would laugh at him.

"Why?" asked the fisherman.

Why not?" replied the guide. "I sure laugh at them when they're up here in the northwoods."

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The new minister's wife was given a pie baked by one of the congregation who was a rather poor cook. The pie was incredible, so the minister's wife reluctantly threw it into the garbage.

The preacher was faced with the problem of thanking the woman, while at the same time wishing to be truthful. After much thought he sent the following note:

"Dear Mrs. Jones, Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful. I can assure you that a pie like yours never lasts long at our house."

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Good Question: How did parents get their children to eat their food before tomato catsup came on the market?

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And now — to the new brethren who came to us via "Operation: Let's Go!" Welcome. You have just taken a step forward that you will never regret. May your lives become richer through the years as you go forth in this new adventure.

Your piper,
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WATSON N. SHERROD, P.G.M., 33°

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern and Masonry throughout North Carolina suffered one of its greatest losses when the hand of the Grim Reaper once more reached down into the circle of our prominent and outstanding Masons and withdrew him for greater service above. Watson Newberry Sherrod, P.G.M. and a Mason of the rank of 33°, passed away in Enfield, N. C. on March 27, 1972. He was buried on Wednesday, March 29th, in Enfield with the church service being held in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. W. Alton Tew in charge. Masonic funeral services were also conducted in the church sanctuary with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina conducting the service.

The date of Watson's burial coincided with the Scottish Rite Reunion dates of the Enfield Bodies, thus constituting a beautiful symbol of love that Watson had for his Masonry and of the strong support he gave to the Scottish Rite Bodies in Enfield. The degree work was suspended at 2:00 Wednesday and the Grand Lodge opened for the purpose of paying last respects to one of its faithful and most competent Past Grand Masters. Past Master Alfred A. Kafer, Jr. of New Bern presided as Grand Master.

Brother Sherrod's Scottish Rite career began in the Joseph Montford Lodge of Perfection No. 3 at Enfield. He served this Lodge several times as Venerable Master. He also served as Wise Master of the William R. Davie Chapter of Rose Croix No. 4 of Enfield. He became a 32° Scottish Rite Mason on June 18, 1918 and his interest in and enthusiasm for Scottish Rite Masonry received the acclaim of the Supreme Council when on October 16, 1923, he was exalted to the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in Washington, D. C. Subsequently with his activities in Masonry constantly increasing he was elevated to the highest honor in the Scottish Rite when the Supreme Council elevated him to the rank and dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary or 33°.

Watson brought to all of the high positions he held in Masonry an untiring abundance of energy, a keen business experience based upon many successful years, and a love for the peoples of Freemasonry. With those excellent qualifications constituting his background it is no wonder that he became one of Masonry's most stalwart advocates in North Carolina. It can be safely said that Masonry in our State is much better because Watson Sherrod passed this way.

"BEN GILLIKIN NIGHT" – A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

On Wednesday evening, April 12th, the Scottish Rite Bodies in New Bern at the banquet hour honored one of its most beloved members, Brother Ben. F. Gillikin, 33°. This was a festive occasion from every standpoint and there was a genuine atmosphere of regard and respect which permeated the evening hour. The occasion was made even more delightful with the presence of Brother Gillikin's charming wife, Anna, who has been his partner for many years.

Brother Gillikin has long been regarded as one of our most substantial members, one whose wisdom, judgment and calmness in deliberation have long marked him as one of our most valuable members.

Brother Ben was born in New Bern on May 25, 1908 and has spent all of his working life in this fair city. He has been a member of Doric Lodge No. 568 for many years and after distinguished service in the Scottish Rite he was invested with the decoration of K.C.C.H. and in October 1951 the Supreme Council conferred its highest honor upon him when he was elected to receive the rank and dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary, or as it is more commonly known, the Thirty-Third Degree. Recently he retired from a long period of service with the Employment Security Commission, after serving many years as Manager of the New Bern area office. Brother Gillikin's service was honored by the Employment Security office at the time of his retirement.

Masons will long remember Brother Gillikin's superb manner of portraying characters on the stage as he took part in some of the highly dramatic degrees. For many years he has been Master of the 5° taking the part of King Solomon, in the portrayal of which he gives a highly dramatic performance. He also takes the part of Jubelum in the 9°. This is a part which calls for the utmost skill in dramatic ability and Brother Ben delivers a most superb performance in this, as he does in every other part that he undertakes.

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Returning from an upstate trip Mary Frances and I stopped in Chapel Hill to visit a friend hospitalized at North Carolina Memorial Hospital. We were informed that we were three hours early for visiting but Mary Frances was permitted to visit just long enough to say "Howdy" and leave some candy. When we parted in the lobby I told her I would wait for her out front. I had spied some seats along the wall just outside the entrance and this looked like a good place to glance over the newspaper while I waited.

Well, I read the front page and the items continued therefrom, all the time watching the entrance for Mary Frances to appear. No Mary Frances.

I finished the entire front section, then walked over to the door and looked into the lobby. No Mary Frances.

I read the sports section; took another look in the lobby. No Mary Frances.

I read the comics, worked the puzzles, and took another look in the lobby. There was Mary Frances. We've been married long enough that I didn't need to speculate about the look on her face — she was mad!

She had construed my "out front" to mean that I would wait in the lobby and she had been searching for me in the lobby for twenty or thirty minutes. It must have been that each time I looked into the lobby she was in the snack bar, or the gift shop, or somewhere, trying to find me. So we'd spent all that time never more than fifty feet apart looking for each other. It makes you feel kind of silly.

Each time I am around a hospital I am impressed anew by the vast changes taking place in the treatment of the sick. This, of course, prompts me to reflect also upon the dramatic advances being made in science and industry and so many other fields.

During one such rumination it occurred to me that in the midst of all our present day marvels are some items so well devised generations — even centuries — ago that little or no change has been wrought in them.

Your old ordinary sandwich is one such item. All sorts of variations have been and are tried but the sandwich today is basically exactly what it was when old John Montagu first came up with it a couple of centuries ago.

The pencil is another durable item. It has undergone some changes, but for many years now we have made mistakes with one end and erased them with the other. It will not be surprising if the pencil endures quite a while longer.

Safety pins, nails, matches; the list of old standbys is a long one. Items on the list invariably share one common characteristic — they are simple.

Perhaps this should tell us something. We seem unalterably bound to complicate everything we mess with; not only mechanical things, but laws and morals and what have you. With such a record going for simplicity it might just be well for us to try it more often.

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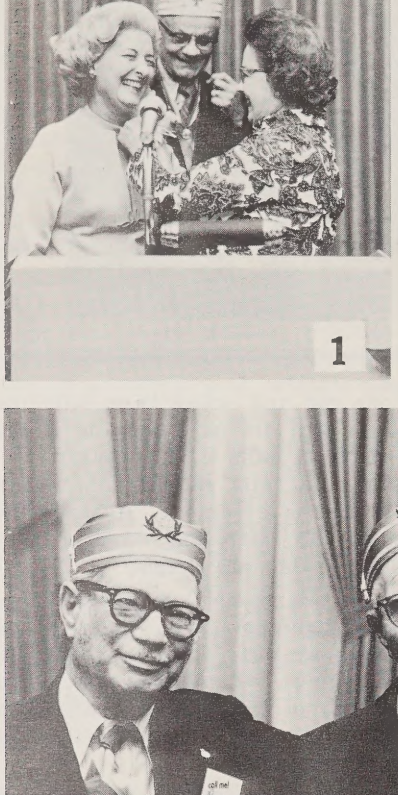
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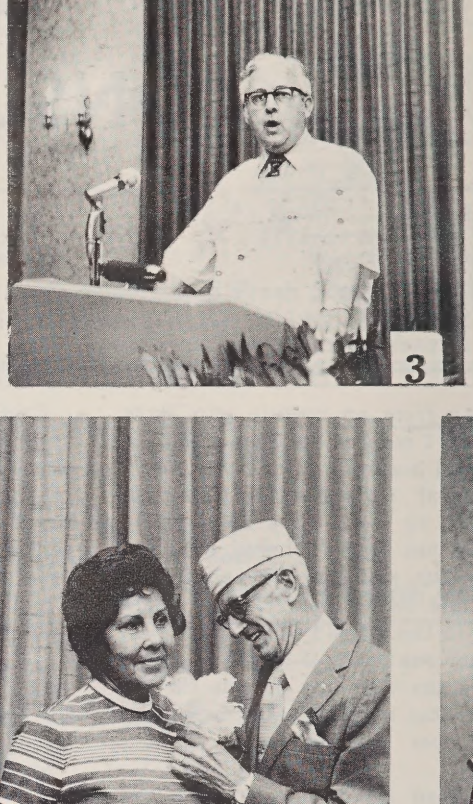
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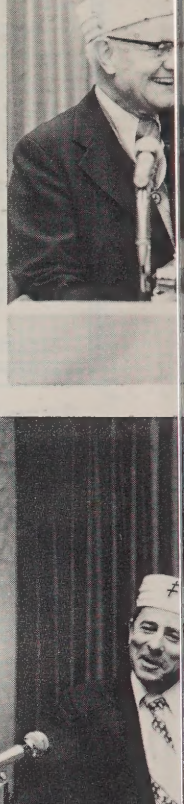

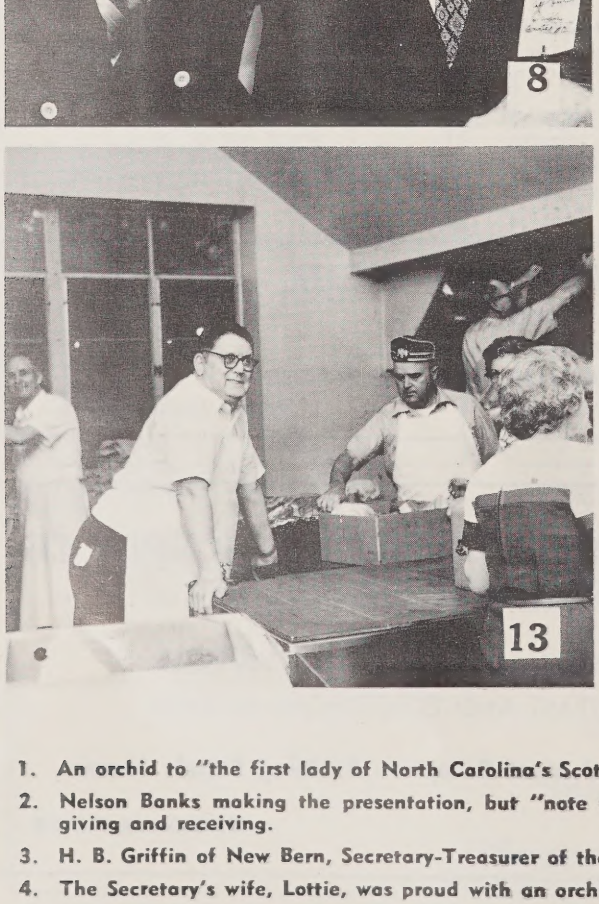
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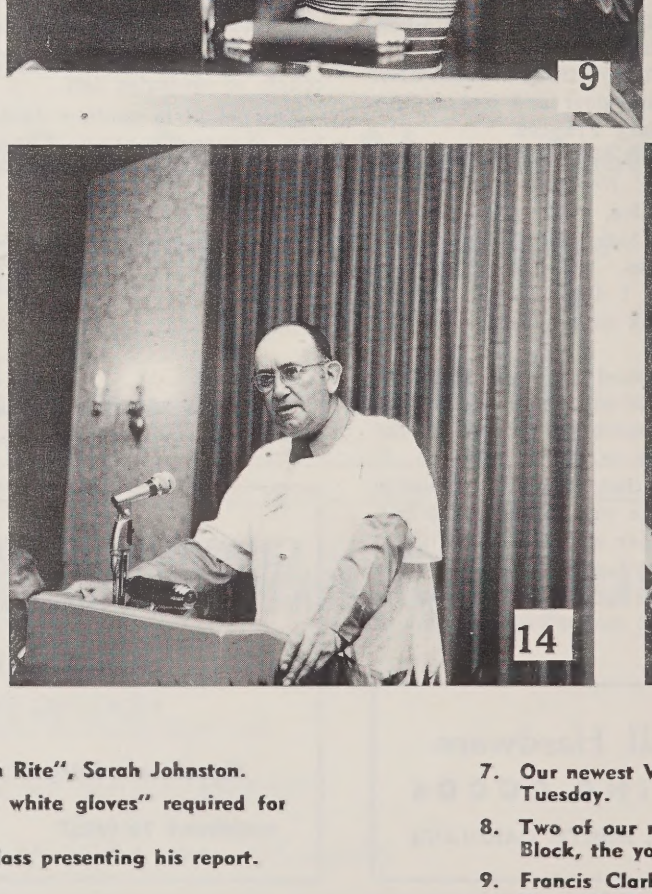
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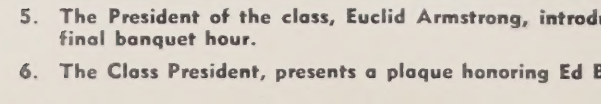
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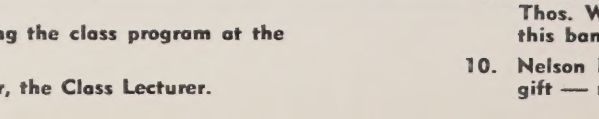
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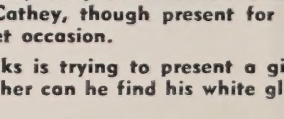

1. An orchid to "the first lady of North Carolina's Scottish Rite", Sarah Johnston.
2. Nelson Banks making the presentation, but "note the white gloves" required for giving and receiving.
3. H. B. Griffin of New Bern, Secretary-Treasurer of the class presenting his report.
4. The Secretary's wife, Lottie, was proud with an orchid.
5. The President of the class, Euclid Armstrong, introducing the class program at the final banquet hour.
6. The Class President, presents a plaque honoring Ed Blair, the Class Lecturer.
7. Our newest Veteran, Marcus Block, rec Tuesday.
8. Two of our most delightful veterans, Block, the youngest.
9. Francis Clark, 33°, and his new brid Thos. W. Cathey, though present for this banquet occasion.
10. Nelson Banks is trying to present a gi gift — neither can he find his white gl

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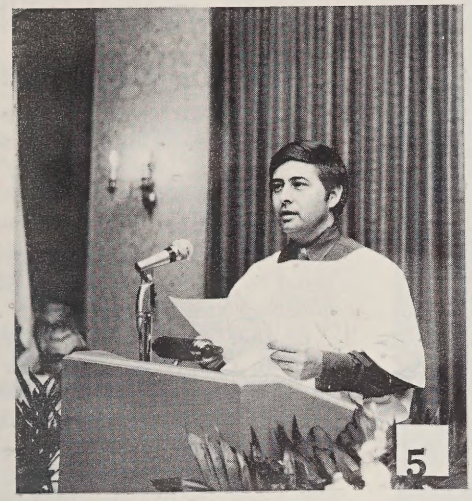
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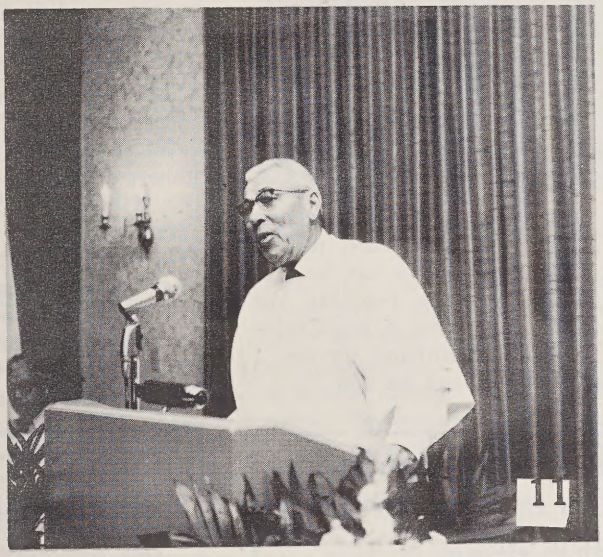
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s. A few moments later he found both!

11. The Vice-President of the Class Brother Ralph Dudley expresses his appreciation for the three wonderful days.
12. Shorty Kafer, our Stage Director, presents the gift to our honored guests: Ben Gillikin and his charming wife, Anna, on the "Ben Gillikin Night", Wednesday.
13. Much activity goes on in the kitchen and these willing workers are indispensable.
14. Clifton Everett, the Class Orator, thrills the audience with his masterful oration.
15. James G. Johnston, 33°, our beloved Inspector General, brings greetings.
16. A group of faithful workers at refreshment table.
17. White gloves are a necessity — the Inspector General flanked by the Shrine Recorder and the Scottish Rite Secretary.

"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

Once again a very special season has past when Scottish Free Masons the world over should have been drawn closer together as they mourned the despotism of man in the destruction of the "Word"; but rejoiced in the knowledge that God kept His promise and on the third day restored the "Word" to His children and with it the hope of eternity with Him.

All Scottish Masons when becoming a Knight Rose Croix declared they would not let this season pass without paying homage to their God and His "Word" through the celebration of the mystic supper (communion with Him) on Maundy-Thursday. If you failed to this past season or just let it slip your mind, please reopen your March issue of the "The Bagpipe" and read the notation in the bottom right-hand corner of page 3! It isn't a very difficult obligation to keep, is it?

Several years ago, after a particularly rainy and hazardous trip to New Bern on Maundy-Thursday the previous year, the church to which I belong began having a service on this sacred day. Since then it has been my custom to observe the mystic supper there, as many brothers do in the Church of their choice. This year it was a memorable occasion, the church in semi-darkness, the old hymns of the church beautifully rendered on the organ and chimes, a lovely solo telling of God's love for His children, the starkness of a cross bearing a crown of thorns and a robe of purple to remind one of man's desecration of the "Word," and finally in the quietness of the hour — supper with Him who through God's mercy wore that crown of thorns for you and me. Then quiet departure, for surely He was there in His infinite love for mankind. And yet another bonus, I was not without my Brothers present! If you recall it was quite a stormy night and a car load of Brothers turned back on reaching the outskirts of town, making a memorable occasion even more significant for me. I trust it was for them, and for you.

JOHN D. CHARLTON, 32°,
Kinston, N. C.

Chowan County Scottish Rite Club Hosts District Banquet

The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club was honored to be host for the Scottish Rite banquet held on March 22, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. in Edenton, N. C. in the new Jaycee building.

An excellent roast beef dinner was enjoyed by approximately 150 Scottish Rite members and their Ladies.

Brother Brad Williford, President of Chowan County Scottish Rite Club opened the program with regret that the weather was such that so many were unable to attend.

Toastmaster Don Quinton, Secretary-Treasurer of Chowan Club says with a program such as this, it was our pleasure to welcome Bro. James W. Brewer, 33° and P.G.M. as speaker to Edenton and it is always a pleasure to hear this Mason speak of Masonry.

We were also pleased to have Bro. Robert Pugh, 33° and Secretary of Scottish Rite Bodies, New Bern, who always gives an outstanding presentation of the Program of the Spring Reunion to the prospective candidates and their Ladies.

The program was enjoyed by all.

Yours in Brotherhood
Brad Williford, President
Don Quinton, Secretary-Treasurer

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Masons: Men In The World

It has been my unfortunate duty to sit and look into the eyes of someone who was seeking help and to hear them say "But, you only see them on Sunday and don't know them as I do!" The separation of true religion from real living is one of the besetting sins of our day. It also can become a betting sin of Masonry!

How prone we are to divorce true Masonic teachings from real life. It is easy to let it become an appendage. By this I mean, we take it with us to the Lodge meetings. We would not think of missing our gatherings. We would be the first to take our stand for the virtue of regular attendance. Yet, how prone we are to leave it at the building. We know that true masonry must be fused into every step and activity of our daily living. We have been inspired by the ritual and teachings at the alter. We have left with the feeling that it was good to have been there. We knew that we had seen the Trestleboard that night. We were glad we came.

We have every reason to expect that sort of experience each time we come. We will have it if we are truly prepared. We do need to be constantly reminded, however, that masonry does not promise a man escape from history or responsibilities of everyday living. We are placed right in the midst of things as they are happening. We are a part of those things. The concern for human affairs makes this thing we call Masonry a life of reality . . . not mere acceptance of doctrines and dogmas. The Great Architect wants men to know the facts. He stimulates us to know and understand the nature and stream of history within which we live.

We have often reduced Masonry to a code or rule of heart and life. Of a truth, however, it invades our life with a new quality altogether. Mere moral reformations will not explain the complete change and great joy of men's lives. Many people of our day talk of the difficulty of the times . . . as if we have to wait for better times before the tenets of masonry can take root and grow in our day. It is heartening to recall that this faith took root and flourished amazingly which would have killed anything less vital. Our early brothers were the pioneers of a new humanity. They were the founders of a new nation. They will speak to us across the centuries. Perhaps when we believe what they believed we can achieve what they achieved.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

You see, we sometimes slip into inconsistency . . . oft times unwittingly. Our lives don't always ring true to those qualities which characterize our expectations of Masonic teachings. Our need today is consistency. An individual who lives an inconsistent life, whose speech and actions are full of unbelief, of doubt, carelessness and "double-talk" . . . an individual who does things between lodge meetings which he would not do or testify to or think within the lodge room . . . becomes a worthless witness to the virtues of masonry so far as the "profane" are concerned! He is worse than the man who has never learned "The Royal Secret." If a Mason is a Mason at all, he wants to so work in the quarries that others will want to join him in the building of the Temple. In a very real sense every true Mason knows that every day is a holy day. Every day ought to be spent with the Great Architect. Every Mason desires, when the working tools fall from his lifeless grasp, to hear from Him who reigns Supreme the welcomed words, "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of thy Lord." But, if we expect to walk with Him in the cool of the evening, we must work with Him in the heat of the day."

It was never to easy tasks that we were called to assemble. Many things will arise in your life and mine to test the very consistency of our Lodge professions. One does not know the seductive calls until he sees the holiness of his Maker. If we are truly Masons, this is the conflict in which we are engaged: to resist the calls of evil and to forward, under God, to win in the battles of life. We can read and follow the designs on the Trestleboard in no other way than which the Great Architect would do so. We are Masons, you and I, to mean business for God. Our job is not complete so long as there is a single thing which we are able to do in the quarry. We are still blind candidates when the designs must be arranged to suit our whims and fancies.

I like a modern translation of Holy Writ: "Everything is wholesome to those who are wholesome themselves. But nothing is wholesome to those who are unwholesome and have no faith in God. Their very minds and consciences are diseased. They profess to know God, but their actual behaviour deniest their profession . . . and when it comes to doing any real good they are palpable frauds." It need not be so of us, brethren!

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Monday night April 3, 1972, at Tetterton's Restaurant, with good attendance and a very good dinner.

Having passed "Tryon Palace" recently, and looking at the massive gates that enclose the court, I was reminded of the many gates in life.

Some gates are strictly measures for safety. The gate at the railroad crossing, for instance, or the one across the drawbridge, or the elevator gate. Then there are gates that bar our way and can only be passed through when we have paid the required fare, toll or admission fee.

Some gates are purely imaginary, though often very beautiful and meaningful. Traveling south or east or west, we are bound to come across signs telling us that we are about to enter a region of beauty and renown.

There are also human gates — the eye, the ear, the mouth. The eye to see, the ear to hear, the mouth with which to witness to what we have seen and heard.

In the Bible many gates are mentioned. Among those named are the Fish Gate, the Horse Gate, the Sheep Gate, and the Water Gate, the High, Middle, East, Old and New; the Valley Gate, the Gate of the Fountain, the King's Gate, and Beautiful Gate.

The city of Jerusalem is a city of gates. Many of these referred to in the Scriptures are still in use, some bearing the same names as in ancient times, while others have been renamed. Among these are Joffa, Damascus, Stephen's and Zion's gates, through which people of the modern world pass in and out. Closed to traffic today, but still in existence from before the time of Christ, are Herod's Gate, Dung Gate and the Golden Gate.

The prophets, the psalmists and others speak of gates in a figurative sense. They mention the gate of righteousness by which we must enter in if we would lead the good life. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving" we read. As a people, we are urged to lift up our gates (our hearts) to allow the King of glory to come in. Our Lord admonished to enter in at the strait gate, and to shun the wide gate that surely leads to destruction.

In ancient times, a seat at the gate was a high honor. Officials gathered there to administer the law. The book of Amos reports an occasion when this prophet called the people together to listen to him concerning the times in which he lived (paralleled by happenings today), "They" (the unworthy politicians of that day) "hate him that speaketh uprightly, they afflict the just, take bribes, and turn aside the poor in the gate from their right."

"Establish judgement in the gate," Amos cried. "Hate evil, love good. It may be the Lord will be gracious unto you."

This is good advice in any age.

The Book of Revelation tells us about 12 wonderful mysterious and beautiful gates. Also we read about the gate of Life by which we will one day enter the eternal city, if first we have sought entrance by the gateway of prayer.

What could be more satisfying at this season of the year, when the whole earth is springing forth into new life, when the resurrection of our Lord opens the gate of eternal life to each of us who will enter in thereat, than to open the beauti-

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ful gate of Scottish Rite Masonry to every one of our Blue Lodge Brethren, that they might share with us the rich and inspiring teachings of its degrees which guides us along the highway of life, and directs us through the gates of the city of God.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Sec.

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

On Saturday night, March 18, 1972, the Scottish Rite Party for the Ladies was held at East Carteret High School. In spite of several other organizations having meetings that night, we still had approximately 150 people to enjoy the delicious meal and warm fellowship. Toastmaster for the evening was Brother John W. Bryan, Invocation was given by Bro. Thomas L. Noe, and all were welcomed by Bro. Alton P. Hill. Distinguished guests, including Brother Robert Safrit, 33°, Brother Earl Noe, 33°, Brother Billy Sprinkle, 32°, Master, Franklin Lodge No. 109, and Brother Dallas Willis, 32°, Master, Crissie Wright Lodge No. 741, were recognized by Brother John C. Campobasso. Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, reminded us of the forthcoming reunion, with a strong urge to work on recruiting new members. Brother Ed Blair, 33°, introduced the evening's speaker, Brother Reynold S. Davenport, 33°. Bro. Davenport, whose "Down Onslow Way" articles are enjoyed in each issue of "The Bagpipe," was most inspiring in his presentation of Scottish Rite Masonry from Inner Apprentice to 32° Mason. The benediction was given by Bro. Bryan.

Maundy Thursday Services were held on March 30, at the Temple, with Bro. William E. Blair giving the address. Easter Sunday Services were held on April 2, and both of these Holy Week Services were attended by many members who must have been inspired by the presentation of the ceremonies.

On Monday, April 3, 1972, the regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held with about 20 members present. President John Bryan presided. Comments about the success of Ladies night were made, including the lack of candidates present. Again stress was put upon getting candidates for the spring reunion. Bro. John Campobasso gave a report on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Services. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John C. Campobasso, Vice-President
Acting Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday April 9th at thhe Washington Masonic Lodge.

This was the annual herring fish fry. The herrings were caught Sunday morning and they were served for supper that night. Chester Elks and Willie Gray Hodges assisted by W. W. Alligood and their wives prepared the meal. There were about fifty present. Julian Vann gave the invocation.

After the meal, the men retired for a short business session. President Jack Tripp presided. The minutes and the treasurers report were approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. Allen James, Mr. and Mrs. James Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Paul were guests.

It was suggested that because of the growth of our club, some of the members were unknown to each other, so we are to adopt some form of identification to be worn on the left shoulder of each member.

The club expressed a desire to meet in Belhaven in July. Edward Ray Edwards is to see if arrangements can be made for such a meeting and Barry Gutfield will assist him with the preparations.

Our next meeting will be held May 7 at the Washington Lodge. The meeting will be at 5:30 and supper will be served at 6 P.M.

Ray Alexander and Kenneth Seal will provide the arrangements.

Ashley Leggett made an appeal to all members to attend the Reunion on April 11, 12 and 13th in New Bern. He also asked for volunteers to assist in the 17th degree, he explained that an all out effort will be made to man this team from Beaufort County.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

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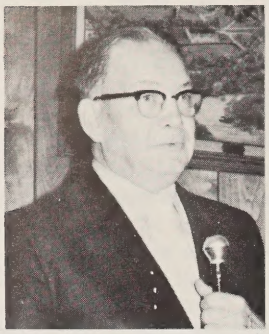
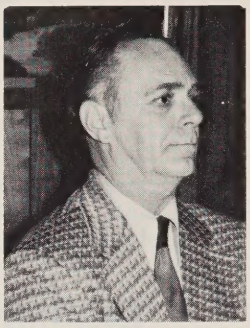
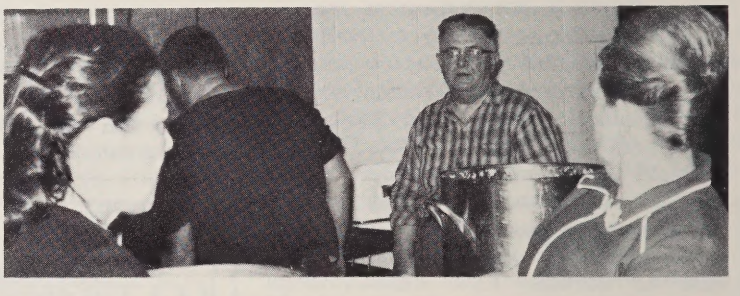






In the upper left corner, Sam Bundy, K.C.C.H., well-known educator and legislator, was the speaker for the evening and gave the throng of 300 much to laugh about and think about. Moving clockwise; George Roberts, 33°, and Jesse Vail, K.C.C.H., appear to be looking at the same thing (or person), but from different angles. Continuing clockwise; Bill Overs, 32°, turns in a smoothly efficient performance as toastmaster. Next, Wash King, K.C.C.H., has just told Bill Thomason, K.C.C.H., a good one. Still clockwise, we see a group conversing during the intermission between dinner and the program. Just below them Odell Gladson, 32°, and some of his capable assistants are seen doing in the kitchen what they do so well. Moving on down we see Mrs. Sadie Starling in white (Onslow County's "Mrs. Mason") with the Harold Abbotts on her right while Mrs. Richard Geary is at her left and the D. C. Tripps are across the table. The bottom pictures at right and left reveal some guests doing the obvious. Still clockwise; Mary Frances Davenport tries the coffee, Sam Bundy tries a cigar, and Mrs. Bundy tries to see who that was that just came in. Just above them Hazel Dedmond) (Mrs. Secretary) is in the center of the picture, husband Tony is on her right, the Paul Parkers on her left, while Dick and Mae Paschall have their backs to the camera.

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

On Thursday night March 30, Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club observed Maundy Thursday in the Masonic Temple, Elizabeth City with the following Brethren doing an outstanding performance in this beautiful ceremony. The cast consisted of Brothers Gid Kight, Wilton Walker, M. W. Coates, Charlie Vann, T. R. Dabbs, W. T. Kirby, Harry Ranhorn and our President C. S. Jones.

Easter Sunday Morning the above named Brethren with Bro. L. E. Barber, completed the services after a wonderful breakfast prepared by Brothers L. S. Bell, George Meads, Bill Durham and others was really enjoyed by members from our county as well as Camden, Currituck and Chowan.

Friday March 31st, our club entertained the ladies with a shrimp feast and I do mean feast as one could tell by the hulls when everyone called it "quits".

Our club is made up with Brethren from Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck counties and Brethren from the Coast Guard Base here in Elizabeth City, and it is always a pleasure to get together around the table for food and good fellowship.

W. M. "Coonie" Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

A regular meeting of Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club was held at Brockway Masonic Hall Thursday night April 6th at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Charles Denham. 14 members were present. Mention was made of Scottish Rite Ladies Night Dinner at Havelock High School. About 115 members, their wives, prospective candidates and guests were present. Date of dinner was March 22nd. Brother Reynold Davenport of Jacksonville was the guest speaker. He gave an inspirational Masonic message which was well received by all. Among our distinguished guests were Brothers Robert L. Pugh and Clarence Koonce of New Bern. The dinner program was also highlighted by two appropriate songs by Mayor Sam Horton accompanied by Vickie Muse at the piano.

No new business on agenda except get candidates for the "operation Let's Go" Reunion to be held New Bern April 11-12-13, 1972. Benediction was pronounced by P.M. James A. Muse and the meeting was adjourned, see you in New Bern at the Reunion.

Respectfully submitted,
M. D. Stamps, Sec.-Treas.

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on this date, at Barney's Bar-be-que Lodge, with 27 members and six visitors, or prospective members, who will receive the degrees in April. The invocation was by Brother Ronald Wall, after which a family style meal was served.

The business at hand was disposed of, and Brother John Charlton gave a talk on Scottish Rite Masonry which was very enlightening to the Brothers who will be taking the Rite. Two Brothers filled out their petitions. It looks like we will be well represented at the Spring reunion. We are hoping to have at least ten, or maybe more.

All the Brethren were invited to the Easter service, Sunday, April 2nd. The meeting was closed, and the benediction was given by Brother Don Hinds.

Yours in Faith,
Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met Monday March 13, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. with Bro. Johnny West, President, presiding.

The Invocation was given by Brother C. T. Midgette.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting and dinner were read and the Treasurer report $64.71 in the Treasury.

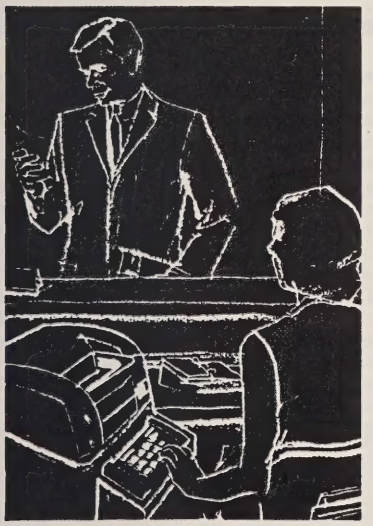
Brother West welcomed several guests.

Brother L. T. "Bugs" Barrington reported on our up-coming party to be held at the Berne Restaurant on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting with the approval of all members present, President West instructed Brother Barrington to finalize plans for approximately forty members and guests to attend the dinner.

Brother West expressed his appreciation for the attendance at the fish stew that was held at his residence.

Brother Bob Pugh presented an additional list of names of prospective candidates residing in our area and these names were distributed among the members so contact could be made. Brother Pugh offered his assistance in contacting or selling Scottish Rite Masonry and urged all present to attend the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services and bring a brother.

All members were urged to attend the dinner sponsored by DeMolay at 6:30 p.m.



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Friday 17th at the C. A. Seifert Dining Hall.

There were 23 members and 3 guests present and dues were collected from 5 members.

There being no further business, Brother Harry Crump closed with a prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Eddie Paul, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Perquimans Scottish Rite Club

Perquimans Scottish Rite Club met Friday night, March 24, at Brother G. H. Webb's cottage on the Albemarle Sound. The members and prospective candidates enjoyed a delicious steak with all the trimmings.

After dinner President Brother "Tuck" Webb called a meeting to order. The President welcomed all members and prospective candidates for attending. Brother Webb gave a very informative talk on Scottish Rite Masonry to all who were present and it was enjoyed by all. Brother Webb informed the candidates that the Secretary had some petitions for the Spring Reunion which will be April 11-12-13 in New Bern.

The floor was opened for the nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year of 1972.

Brother Harvey M. Spivey, President
Brother Robert E. Newton, Vice President and Brother Thomas Shelton Morgan Secretary-Treasurer. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely yours,
Harvey M. Spivey
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Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

James C. Peele, 32°, Tarboro, N. C.	**December 15, 1970**
Watson N. Sherrod, 33°, Enfield, N. C.	**March 27, 1972**
James B. Whitehead, 32°, Midway Park, N. C.	**April 5, 1972**

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Donald Ray Davis ..... New Bern
William Simpson Davis, Jr. ..... Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
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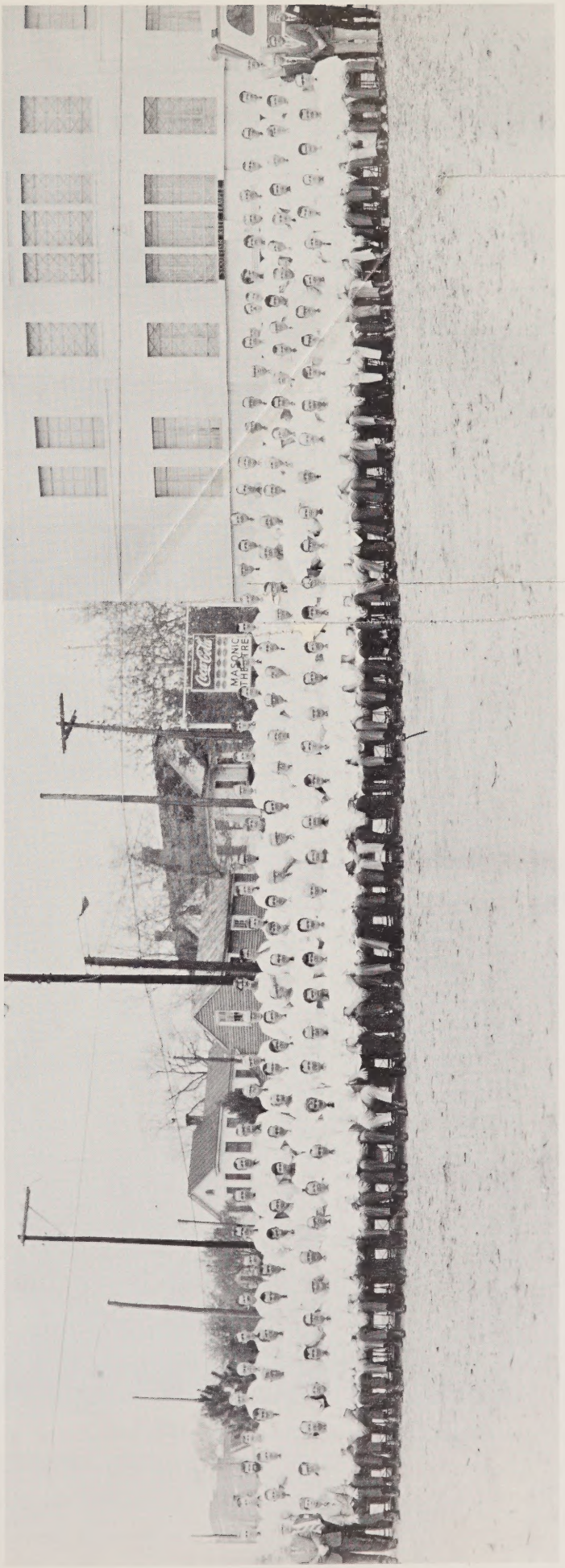

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